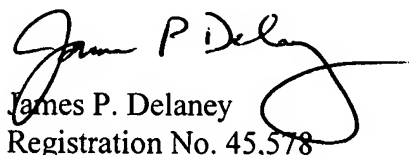


Remarks

This preliminary amendment modifies three dependent claims to state that the composition is GA₃ rather than a mixture of GA₄ and GA₇. The amendment does not add any new matter.

The added claims are patentably distinct over the prior art, and Applicant believes that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable action is requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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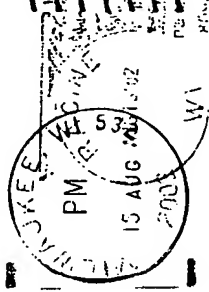
10. (amended) The method of claim 8 wherein the composition is [a mixture of GA_4 and GA_7] GA_3 .

29. (amended) The method of claim 27 wherein the composition is [a mixture of GA_4 and GA_7] GA_3 .

50. (amended) The yield of claim 49 wherein the composition is [a mixture of GA_4 and GA_7] GA_3 .

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